

External trade in goods of Montenegro January - March 2020^(p)

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for period January-March 2020 according to preliminary results is 624.3 million EUR, indicating the growth of 1.1% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 88.5 million EUR, and import was 535.8 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 5.6%, while imports increased by 2.3%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 16.5% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 17.9%.

In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 22.2 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 18.1 million EUR, Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials – 2.8 million EUR and other).

In the **structure of imports**, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Machinery and transport equipment (Section 7)** with 121.5 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 37.2 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 26.0 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (20.2 million EUR), Slovenia (12.0 million EUR) and Hungary (8.8 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (96.7 million EUR), Germany (51.2 million EUR) and China (48.8 million EUR). The highest external trade was with CEFTA parties and the EU member states.

Chart 1. Total external trade in goods by months, in millions EUR

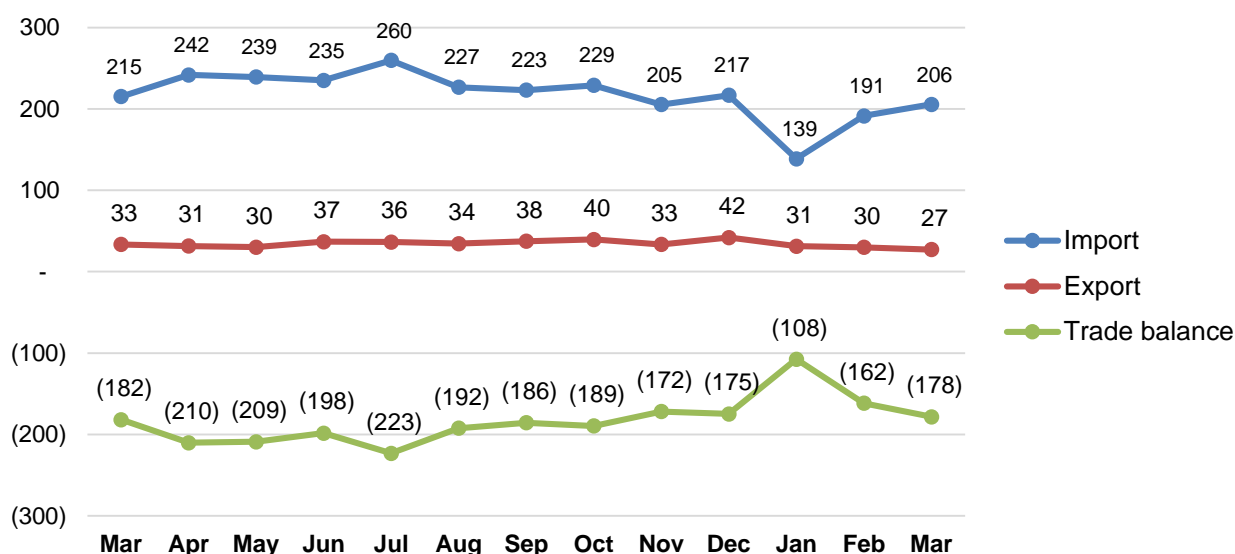


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT		EXPORT		EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2019						
January	128 806	28 236	157 042		-100 570	
February	179 763	32 041	211 804		-147 722	
March	215 266	33 408	248 674		-181 858	
April	241 764	31 462	273 226		-210 301	
May	239 217	30 098	269 315		-209 119	
June	235 143	36 796	271 939		-198 347	
July	259 711	36 499	296 210		-223 211	
August	226 740	34 436	261 176		-192 304	
September	223 038	37 501	260 539		-185 537	
October	229 042	39 555	268 597		-189 487	
November	205 368	33 432	238 800		-171 936	
December	216 914	42 020	258 934		-174 894	
2020						
January	138 801	31 273	170 074		-107 527	
February	191 468	29 939	221 407		-161 529	
March	205 566	27 238	232 804		-178 327	

Table 2. External trade in goods of Montenegro by the continents and selected countries

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Mar 2019		Jan-Mar 2020		Jan-Mar 2019		Jan-Mar 2020		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	523 835	100.0	535 834	100.0	93 685	100.0	88 451	-430 150	-447 383
Europe	82.8	433 724	82.8	443 734	96.1	89 985	90.1	79 657	-343 739	-364 076
EU	47.6	249 195	47.3	253 356	48.6	45 547	46.5	41 132	-203 648	-212 224
CEFTA²	27.1	141 930	27.5	147 532	40.7	38 091	37.3	32 985	-103 839	-114 547
Africa	0.3	1 393	0.4	2 283	0.0	4	0.8	667	-1 388	-1 616
Asia	14.5	75 789	14.6	78 462	3.3	3 123	8.8	7 747	-72 665	-70 715
America	2.3	11 895	2.1	11 177	0.6	542	0.4	374	-11 353	-10 803
Oceania	0.2	1 034	0.0	178	0.0	30	0.0	5	-1 004	-173
USA	1.3	6 713	0.9	4 997	0.5	456	0.4	343	-6 257	-4 654
China	9.3	48 689	9.1	48 812	2.6	2 409	7.7	6 809	-46 280	-42 002
Russia	0.2	1 294	0.3	1 582	0.4	354	0.3	224	-940	-1 358
Switzerland	1.8	9 267	1.4	7 593	2.9	2 696	2.3	2 063	-6 571	-5 530
Japan	0.9	4 626	1.0	5 270	0.1	119	0.1	85	-4 508	-5 184
Turkey	5.4	28 196	5.9	31 682	2.5	2 315	2.2	1 935	-25 881	-29 746
Brazil	0.3	1 790	0.4	1 985	0.0	17	0.0	0	-1 774	-1 984

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² Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

Table 3. External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties ³

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020
WORLD	523 835	535 834	93 685	88 451	-430 150	-447 383
European Union	249 195	253 356	45 547	41 132	-203 648	-212 224
Austria	8 046	7 119	663	428	-7 382	-6 690
Belgium	4 929	6 458	53	172	-4 876	-6 285
Bulgaria	2 869	3 182	818	147	-2 051	-3 035
Czech Republic	7 935	8 220	7 461	6 324	-474	-1 896
Denmark	3 576	1 762	658	404	-2 918	-1 358
Estonia	110	90	0	0	-109	-90
Finland	1 702	639	255	0	-1 447	-638
France	13 254	15 493	773	17	-12 481	-15 476
Greece	22 599	28 058	1 055	1 704	-21 544	-26 354
Netherlands	9 958	14 693	298	385	-9 660	-14 308
Ireland	1 375	1 479	0	5	-1 375	-1 474
Italy	36 818	30 216	3 491	1 056	-33 328	-29 160
Cyprus	210	82	16	18	-194	-64
Latvia	135	217	0	0	-135	-217
Lithuania	148	247	13	45	-135	-202
Luxembourg	178	202	3	31	-176	-171
Hungary	3 757	5 937	12 397	8 828	8 640	2 891
Malta	1	3	19	169	18	165
Germany	50 652	51 160	5 115	3 718	-45 537	-47 442
Poland	9 385	9 327	3 269	2 750	-6 116	-6 576
Portugal	789	832	1	0	-788	-832
Croatia	30 128	29 247	567	640	-29 561	-28 606
Romania	8 335	5 693	152	172	-8 182	-5 521
Slovakia	1 546	1 712	1	0	-1 545	-1 712
Slovenia	12 383	10 897	5 304	12 037	-7 079	1 140
Spain	9 001	13 211	110	360	-8 891	-12 851
Sweden	3 208	2 738	1 239	771	-1 969	-1 967
United Kingdom	6 168	4 441	1 815	949	-4 352	-3 493
CEFTA	141 930	147 532	38 091	32 985	-103 839	-114 547
Albania	8 780	9 101	2 571	2 544	-6 209	-6 557
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32 843	33 194	9 128	4 616	-23 715	-28 578
Moldova	256	53	0	0	-256	-53
North Macedonia	5 772	7 204	931	1 086	-4 841	-6 118
Serbia	93 229	96 662	22 042	20 151	-71 188	-76 511
Kosovo	1 049	1 318	3 419	4 588	2 370	3 271
Other countries	132 710	134 946	10 047	14 334	-122 663	-120 613

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Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections⁴

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2020 Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2020 Jan-Mar 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	523 835	535 834	102.3	93 685	88 451	94.4
0 Food and live animals	88 637	105 665	119.2	3 874	5 229	135.0
00 Live animals	5 470	6 639	121.4	32	13	40.3
01 Meat and meat preparations	21 859	26 983	123.4	2 286	3 245	142.0
02 Dairy products and eggs	9 114	11 554	126.8	9	20	232.3
03 Fish and preparations	3 176	2 756	86.8	1	5	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	13 161	15 745	119.6	88	96	109.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	14 467	16 810	116.2	435	867	199.2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	1 841	2 690	146.1	15	25	166.7
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	7 076	7 514	106.2	422	498	118.1
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	4 038	4 658	115.4	474	440	92.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	8 436	10 317	122.3	113	19	16.9
1 Beverages and tobacco	14 104	14 163	100.4	2 862	2 994	104.6
11 Beverages	11 746	11 585	98.6	2 177	2 261	103.9
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2 358	2 578	109.3	685	733	107.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11 027	10 388	94.2	18 018	19 565	108.6
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	1	0	0.0	456	571	125.4
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	292	531	182.2	0	4	0.0
23 Crude rubber	13	32	247.1	3	0	2.6
24 Cork and wood	1 079	1 506	139.6	4 670	5 559	119.0
25 Pulp and waste paper	11	22	205.2	270	154	57.2
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	132	39	30.0	4	2	52.3
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	651	937	143.9	323	272	84.2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	6 452	4 997	77.4	12 206	12 842	105.2
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	2 398	2 324	96.9	86	160	186.0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	48 886	45 431	92.9	25 320	22 184	87.6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	232	241	104.0	1 410	1 290	91.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	31 216	34 667	111.1	2 679	2 781	103.8
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2 148	2 272	105.8	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	15 291	8 250	54.0	21 231	18 113	85.3
4 Animal oils and fats	1 637	3 206	195.8	84	95	112.8
41 Animal oils and fats	181	155	85.4	55	63	114.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	1 434	3 033	211.5	15	28	182.2
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	23	19	83.3	14	4	26.0
5 Chemicals	59 226	66 962	113.1	6 397	4 532	70.8
51 Organic chemicals	506	313	62.0	0	10	300 ¹
52 Inorganic chemicals	766	894	116.7	296	182	61.5
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	6 108	6 201	101.5	10	17	170.3
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	24 463	32 055	131.0	4 713	3 082	65.4
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	10 780	11 877	110.2	729	581	79.7
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 048	1 220	116.4	0	3	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	742	1 037	139.8	27	22	81.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	8 007	7 119	88.9	195	318	163.1
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	6 807	6 246	91.8	427	318	74.5

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	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	<u>Jan-Mar 2020</u> <u>Jan-Mar 2019</u>	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	<u>Jan-Mar 2020</u> <u>Jan-Mar 2019</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	97 218	93 028	95.7	25 922	21 357	82.4
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	41	33	81.7	0	0	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	4 637	4 538	97.9	33	5	14.5
63 Cork and wood manufactures	6 046	6 998	115.7	437	351	80.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	7 505	7 811	104.1	82	179	217.4
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	4 045	4 217	104.3	26	25	98.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	29 084	26 234	90.2	701	496	70.7
67 Iron and steel	16 591	14 982	90.3	6 308	2 787	44.2
68 Non-ferrous metals	4 961	4 810	97.0	16 804	16 762	99.8
69 Manufactures of metals	24 308	23 405	96.3	1 532	752	49.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	126 091	121 527	96.4	8 414	9 824	116.8
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	2 876	2 972	103.3	44	140	300 ¹
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	13 695	14 708	107.4	263	551	209.0
73 Metalworking machinery	723	529	73.2	103	69	67.0
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	20 556	17 261	84.0	3 201	2 840	88.7
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	4 896	5 159	105.4	65	123	190.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	16 664	16 092	96.6	701	1 054	150.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	22 098	25 976	117.5	844	792	93.8
78 Road vehicles	42 056	37 214	88.5	3 079	3 961	128.6
79 Other transport equipment	2 527	1 616	63.9	115	294	255.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	77 007	75 452	98.0	2 794	2 672	95.6
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	4 311	8 436	195.7	69	87	125.2
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	12 575	11 935	94.9	121	360	297.7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2 554	1 964	76.9	46	27	58.3
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	18 109	17 164	94.8	365	327	89.7
85 Footwear	10 478	10 209	97.4	103	107	104.2
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	5 904	5 759	97.5	164	362	220.0
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	1 187	1 361	114.6	3	27	300 ¹
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21 888	18 624	85.1	1 922	1 374	71.5
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	1	13	300¹	0	0	0.0

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

Table 5. External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections ⁵

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2020 Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2020	Jan-Mar 2020 Jan-Mar 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	523 835	535 834	102,3	93 685	88 451	94,4
I Live animals, animal products	33 463	40 920	122,3	1 710	2 125	124,3
II Vegetable products	22 125	25 445	115,0	513	1 045	203,7
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	1 873	3 600	192,2	29	32	108,9
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	49 650	55 966	112,7	4 654	5 280	113,4
V Mineral products	57 995	54 590	94,1	31 876	31 791	99,7
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	57 604	64 534	112,0	6 180	4 197	67,9
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	21 716	20 965	96,5	724	623	86,1
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	3 183	2 733	85,9	514	618	120,2
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	7 164	8 553	119,4	5 106	5 910	115,7
X Materials and products of paper industry	8 166	8 228	100,8	1 180	935	79,3
XI Textiles and textile articles	20 948	19 808	94,6	380	333	87,5
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	11 288	10 813	95,8	120	109	91,2
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	21 499	18 582	86,4	713	503	70,5
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	3 285	1 845	56,2	99	4	4,3
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	46 109	43 450	94,2	30 613	23 812	77,8
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	81 156	82 047	101,1	5 232	5 774	110,4
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	45 293	39 568	87,4	3 200	4 304	134,5
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	7 602	8 395	110,4	186	404	216,8
XIX Arms and ammunition	323	626	193,8	344	92	26,8
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	21 927	25 139	114,7	264	554	209,7
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	1 467	27	1,8	49	7	15,0

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METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

External trade statistics represents an important source which is needed for economic policy makers, as well as for decision makers. It serves as the basic source of information for compilation balance of payments, national accounts statistics, for preparation multilateral and bilateral negotiations, as well as for enterprises for market research and business analysis.

Data collection on external trade is based on recommendations UN and EU statistics contained in the following publications:

- International merchandise Trade Statistics, Concept and Definitions, UN
- Statistics on the Trade of Goods, User Guide, EUROSTAT

It is harmonized with regulations of COMMUNITY LEGISLATION applicable to the STATISTICS RELATING TO THE TRADE OF GOODS, related to EXTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No. 471/2009 of the European Parliament and Council
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 92/2010
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 113/2010

The names of the countries are in accordance with the Geonomenclature used in the European statistics on foreign trade in goods.

Data source

Data source for external trade of Montenegro is customs declarations on export and import of goods. Customs declaration is a document applied in customs procedure. It contains data important for the very customs procedure, but also for needs of statistics and other users. MONSTAT takes over the data in electronic form from Customs Administration of Montenegro with monthly periodicity, and further processes and publishes the results.

Since 2002 under customs procedure when using tariffs of products, Combined Nomenclature harmonized with EU Combined Nomenclature is used. It is published in the Official Gazette of Montenegro for the current year.

External trade coverage

Export covers the goods leaving the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- a) Export
- b) Outward processing
- c) Re-export that was in the procedure of inward processing and manufacture of goods under customs control

Import covers all goods entering the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- a) Import for free trade
- b) Inward processing
- c) Manufacture of goods under customs control

Classification of export-import is performed in accordance with Nomenclature for External Trade Statistics which is based on Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), rev. 4. The code of every product classified by SITC has the following structure: one digit means sector, two digit – section, three digit – group, four digit – subgroup, and five digit – position, i.e. product.

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